

District #1 - Urban Core

Citizens Planning Advisory Committee

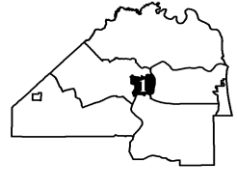
Meeting Location: Ed Ball Building – Training Room 110 – 214 N. Hogan St.

Chair: Gloria De Vall 449-4340 gloria.cpac@gmail.com

Vice Chair: Greg Radlinski 633-2699 giradlinski@bellsouth.net

Mayor's Liaison: Michelle Barth 630-2456 mbarth@coj.net

Neighborhood Coordinator: Stacey K. Burch 255-8236 sburch@coj.net



Meeting Summary Monday, March 2, 2015

Members

DeVall, Gloria – Preservation SOS

Radlinski, Greg – Parks at the Cathedral HOA

Demopoulos, Dimitri – Churchwell Lofts at East Bay Condo Assn. Inc

Swain, Deloris – Grand Boulevard Crime Watch

Merrick, Dorothy – Plaza Condominiums

Holzendorf Jr., Mike – City Council District 7

Good, Alison – Sustainable Springfield

Redden, Shereline – Stand Your Ground Inc

Rev. Hamilton, William C. - St. John's Lutheran Church

Excused –

Arnold, Ruth -2nd Mile Ministries

Parrish, Christina – SAMBA

Harris, Darcel – Mother Midway AME

Guests

Clark, Beverly

Vivian, Sonia

Dingler, Rebecca

Williams-Bey, Hallie

Senior, Juanita

Dodaro, Richard

Kurtz, Judy

Fradd, Sandra

Staff/Resource

Hartley, Mark – Park and Recreation

Para, Bud – JEA

Ransom, Lisa – Planning and Development Department

Green, James – FDOT

Chauncey, Bruce – Code Compliance

Foster, Jeff – Public Works

SGT Senterfitt, Mike – JSO

Cavan, Christine – Jacksonville Public Library

Call to Order

Chair DeVall called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm; it was established that a quorum was present and everyone was welcomed.

Approval of the Minutes

February minutes were approved. All were in agreement.

Subcommittee Meetings

Chair Devall changed the meeting format to have subcommittees meet during the CPAC meetings for the first quarter of 2015.

• **Governmental Affairs –**

- The power has been restored in the Berkman Plaza Townhomes (located on the corner of Liberty Street and Coastline Dr.).

- The committee is working on getting more information for the waterfront project and the grant distribution process for the restaurant population that Shahid Khan proposed.
 - Ms. Lisa Ransom stated at one time the City had something called the Northwest Trust fund. If the fund still exists, the Office of Economic Development would have information regarding funding and economic assistance for businesses in that area. Ms. Ransom suggested that the subcommittee meet before the CPAC at 5 p.m.
- **Urban Core Parks –**
 - Discussed completing park inspections and established a plan for inspecting the remaining parks.
 - The subcommittee has decided against preparing a written request to Parks and Recreation for certain capital improvement funds, to include a playground for Julius Guinyard Park and metal trash cans for Henry J. Klutho Park.
 - The subcommittee will schedule a meeting with Sherrie Wilson, Mark Hartley and Darryl Joseph to further discuss park issues.
 - The subcommittee will get a status update on Julius Guinyard Park, Henry Klutho Park, Myrtle Ave Park and Confederate Park.
 - This subcommittee will continue to meet before the normal CPAC meeting at 5 p.m.
- **Membership –**
 - Discussed the advantages of joining the CPAC:
 - Communication to and from our city officials.
 - Address issues and concerns from the community.
 - Written letters to support or not to support issues in the community.
 - Receive emails from Dorothy Merrick on Downtown Vision Inc.
 - Ms. Dorothy Merrick will email out (through Stacey Burch) the Mayoral Candidates positions on reviving downtown.
 - The subcommittee will continue to meet during the CPAC meetings.
 - Six new people from the community were in attendance tonight.
- **Public Safety –**
 - Tonight's focus was on nuisance crimes. Most repeat offenders are booked for one night and released (at a cost of \$700 or more). If the offender is kept for subsequent nights the cost is \$30-40 a night. Judges don't want to keep offenders for long periods of time. We need to start discouraging our young people from this type of activity.
 - This subcommittee will be meeting before the next CPAC meeting at 5 p.m.
 - After looking at programs to support prevention of nuisance crimes, the subcommittee revealed there is no real prevention program in the Urban Core.
 - The Public Safety subcommittee is looking for more members.

Elected Officials Reports – none.

Staff Reports:

JSO – LT Mike Senterfitt, reported that recently JSO and the ShAdCo's have been pushing for the safety of bicycles/pedestrians. Five to ten warnings are being issued every day.

A discussion was held about bicycles and pedestrians sharing the sidewalks downtown. Downtown Jacksonville is not designed for bicycles to be ridden on the streets and at the same time. JSO does not want to make bicyclists walk their bikes. Therefore, JSO is educating the community on sharing the sidewalks when riding bicycles downtown. In the future Jacksonville will have bicycle lanes.

The CPAC is looking for follow up on the following issues from JSO; Cottage Ave shooting and the Durkeeville shooting last summer.

JSO will be checking to ensure nobody is sleeping in Buster Ford Checkerboard Park. For assistance and information call the JSO Zone 1 Sub Station at 924-5361 or JSOzone1@jaxsheriff.org

Jacksonville Fire and Rescue – Not present.

Chief Martin Senterfitt – 630-7873 for emails please contact John Bracey at jbracey@coj.net

Mayor's Liaison – Michelle Barth, not present.

Duval County Public Schools – Not present

Regulatory and Compliance Department (Code Compliance) – Zone 1 Supervisor Bruce Chancy, after a very length discussion with the CPAC it was decided by the CPAC to have the subject matter experts attend the next CPAC meeting and explain the process of the Special Master Process and the demolition process.

Mrs. Swain asked what the City of Jacksonville is going to do about the property on Union and Main Street. Mr. Chancy stated he would take a look at it and see if he could put a fence around the property until the city could find something to do with it.

Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) – Jim Green, the I-95 and I-10 operational improvement (the multi-use path across the river) held the third public hearing to discuss the construction and the public was happy with some of the changes that were conducted. Over 100 people attended the public hearing.

JEA has started the sewer construction on State and Union Street east of Main Street and it will continue throughout the end of the summer.

The Liberty Street collapse is estimated to have a report ready in about three months. The FDOT inspects the bridges and it is up to the owner (COJ) as to the plan of action for the bridge. At the time of the collapse there was nothing on the bridge.

Ms. Alison Good asked if there was technology to assist pedestrians when crossing the street and cars have the green arrow to turn left or right. Mr. Green stated "No"; pedestrians always have the right of way when the light is on in the walk way. For high traffic areas during certain time frames, crossing guards are used. An example would be in school zones. The Chair has asked Public Safety to look at other options to solve this problem.

Mr. Green can be reached at 360-5684 or James.green@dot.state.fl.us

Community Planning Division – Lisa Ransom, Land Use and Zone (LUZ) has a zoning proposal located on the west side of Moncrief road, the east side of Chase Avenue and north of 22nd Street West. The proposal is to change the property's land use category from low density residential and commercial to residential to Neighborhood Commercial. Every property in the

city has a land use designation. The designation determines what the property is being used for. On March 23rd @ 4 p.m. in the Ed Ball Building, room 851, the proposed development will be discussed at a "Citizen Informational Meeting". The developer will be there to make a presentation and will respond to questions. All citizens interested may attend. The property will go before Planning Commission on April 9th at 1 PM.

If your neighborhood has "A Neighborhood Action Plan" then it has been approved by City Council and the Planning Department. A lot of time and money has been put into the Neighborhood Action Plans and the Planning and Development Department uses these plans as guidelines for development in those areas. 29th and Chase does have a Neighborhood Action Plan. Each Neighborhood Action Plan is different.

Ms. Ransom can be reached at 255-7834 or lransom@coj.net

Housing and Community Development Division – We are in the planning phase to bring back CommUniverCity starting in September 2015. We also have started a round table discussion that meets once a month to discuss issues in the community. Community Empowerment will be coming to Roosevelt Gardens Apartments and the surrounding area on May 16, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are trying to get a better map for District 7. You can retrieve a map online at the Supervisor of Elections Office.

Stacey Burch can be reached at 255-8236 or sburch@coj.net

Parks & Recreation – Mark Hartley – The Southbank Riverwalk is now open.

The Joe James Center has reopened 3 - 8 p.m. with staff, computers and equipment.

The Mitchell Center has partnered with Bank of America and opened a new playground in the park.

The fountains and lights will be restarted in Berkman Plaza this week. The emergency phones will be back in operation.

Robert F. Kennedy Center transfer letter did take place and new equipment will be transferred to the center.

Trina Kimbrough is the point of contact to have a center permanently placed on the call center touch tone phone service.

Mark Hartley stated he will speak with Cathedral Park about getting the park signs hours posted.

Mark Hartley can be reached at 255-7918 or mhartley@coj.net

Project New Ground – Jeff Foster, in the process of finishing up a few projects so Public Works will be able to start new projects. Funds have been added to next year's budget for new projects.

We are in the final stages of cleaning Lonnie Miller Park. Parks and Recreation has signed off on the master plan for Lonnie Miller Park.

The Fifth and Cleveland Ave area has moved to phase seven. The project will end September 2016.

Project New Ground can be contacted at 630-CITY (2489) or the Outreach Center at 357-8077.

Jacksonville Public Library – Not present

Public Works – Jeff Foster, the State Attorney Office is in the process of moving to the old Federal Courthouse. The move will occur throughout the end of the month.

The Annex Courthouse has a bid to be demolished but Jeff Foster will follow up on this issue to see if the Courthouse is part of the bid.

Work was started today on the shipyard soil samples. This will take at least 3-4 months before we will know the total cost of the shipyard. The shipyard will be cleaned up to residential standards.

Groundworks Jax has hired the first executive director to-date, Dawn Emerick.

ADA sidewalks in the downtown area will be completed within the next 2-3 months.

Jeff Foster stated he did not have any information on the stucco on the main library. He will get an answer to the CPAC.

JEA – Bud Para, a contract has been signed with the Southside Generating Plant. This is a Brownfield Site. They have to get the zoning changed and be granted access. Hopefully by the end of the year this will be completed.

Chair's Report

- Recognized Christina Parrish received an award for the great job she did for Porch Fest.
- The CPAC Chairs met with Councilman Bill Bishop to discuss how they saw the role of CPAC within their administration. The Chairs will try to meet with Lenny Curry within the next few weeks.
- Downtown Vision Inc. (DVI) met with the Mayoral Candidates to discuss their vision on downtown Jacksonville. Dorothy Merrick will email the information to Stacey Burch and he will send it out to the CPAC.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: The CPAC will send a letter to the Director of Planning and Development requesting the subject matter expert(s) come to the next Urban Core CPAC meeting and explain the standard operation procedures for the demolition process as authorized by Ordinance Code 2014-427.

Public Comments/Announcements: none

Adjournment

Member Dorothy Merrick made a motion to adjourn and Greg Radlinski seconded the motion. All agreed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next Urban Core CPAC meeting is on
Monday, April 6, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.
at the Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan Street, 1st floor Training Room